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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Attribution by Jack Anderson of Report on Ceasefire by CIA

1. On 17 August 1972, Mr. Anderson's syndicated column, "The Washington Merry-Go-Round," included the following paragraph:

> Peace Prospects - The Central Intelligence Agency in a secret dispatch has quoted a "reliable" source as saying a Vietnam cease-fire can be expected as early as September. The source, according to CIA, is close to the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris.

2. An exhaustive search of Agency files has failed to uncover any report which could be the basis for Mr. Anderson's statement. No individual report meets the criteria of sourcing and substance as related by Mr. Anderson. Nor do any Agency reports speak of a ceasefire "as early as September."

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4. Negatives are always hard to prove; but unless the combined efforts of FE/Reports, OCI and my associates have somehow missed a relevant document, it looks as if Mr. Anderson's 17 August item is based on a garble, fabrication, or was made up out of whole cloth.

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